

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

It looks as if we can now offer our congratulations to Weston on winning the 1964 second division premiership, for with a lead of six points on their nearest rival and only three more fixtures to be played, they would have to fall down completely to lose.

With the premiership win, Weston will earn promotion to first division in 1965, but I hope the Weston Club is not complacent in thinking their team of this season will be good enough for 1st Division, they should be preparing now to build their teams with younger players.

Probably the outstanding match of this weekend will be at Weston when the leaders will meet the runners-up, Pan Hellenic and there should not be a great deal in the result of this game. Weston were victorious in the first round by the odd goal in five and will probably win this match but it only requires two players in the Weston team to have a day off and Pan Hellenic in their game could take

the two points. Pan Hellenic have not progressed, possibly as well, as they could have, mainly because the forwards have fritted many scoring opportunities not all against good teams either.

A further hard fought match will be held at Blacksmith when Belmont-Swansea meet Dudley-Redhead, as the visiting team is only two point behind their opponents, although Belmont-Swansea has a much better goal average than Dudley-Redhead. A drawn game would not surprise.

Jesmond journey to Whitebridge to do battle with Slavia United and although Jesmond have a three point lead over Slavia United, they will be striving to annex the two points as for the last three weeks or so Slavia players have been really playing for time to give their injured men a chance to get into the fold.

Kearsley will be at home to Young Wallsend and on their form over the last few weeks plus your fares.

The battle of the wooden spooners will be at Charles-town, when Merewether on four points (with meeting) points.

Charlestown has surprised for the last two weeks by defeating Jesmond and Kearsley whilst the Merewether side recorded their first win of the season, last weekend.

The interest still mounts in the Third Division, where we have eight points covering six teams or clubs and still six more rounds to go.

Possibly the outstanding match this weekend would be Macquarie Wanderers v. South Wallsend, one point only separates these teams, both of whom are very strong contenders for a semi-final berth.

Newcastle Tech will meet premiership leaders, Hamilton Azzuri and whilst there should be no great difficulty in recording another win, Newcastle Tech. is unreliable and could often turn the result into a complete shock.

Bellbird will be at home

to Stockton and they should have no difficulty in recording a win.

Barnsley journey to The Entrance and should return home with some personal individual achievements, but those tactics very season.

Teachers' College journey to Stockton to do battle with Nelson Bay and after a win around two weeks ago and also a toucher, they are gaining plenty in the way of bowls but very little in soccer knowing.

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ALL HAIL TO DAWSON AND THE LAKE XI

Clang the cymbles, bang the drums and let the cheers resound!

All hail to Tommy Dawson and his Lake Macquarie team which has won the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership.

Right well did the team deserve the title. Proudly should the pennant fly over the Speer's Point ground—and how fortunate is the North to have such a grand football team at the top of its competition.

The Lake Macquarie Club side has well deserved the success. Since the first match of the season, when anything out of the box it did not look like being after its draw with Mayfield United at Mayfield

Park, Lake Macquarie has gone from success to success.

Only once was its progress halted, that being a few weeks ago when Newcastle Austral defeated it, 1-nil, at Speer's Point. But till then, and after, Lake Macquarie went along winning most of its matches and drawing the others. It did not win its games by big margins but played convincingly. And in 16 matches, of which it won 11 and drew four, the team scored 34 goals and conceded only 16. What a grand record that is.

When the Doubting Thomases claimed that Lake Macquarie would fail because there were no stars, Dawson never wavered. He stuck to the young players who were keeping the club's colours high. And how well they responded to Dawson's faith in them!

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ADAMSTOWN v. AWABA

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CESSNOCK v. MAYFIELD

Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: W. Gardiner, C. Jack.

MAITLAND v. WALLSEND

Referee: W. Jones. Linesmen: W. Turner, T. Ayre.

LAKE MACQUARIE v. CARDIFF

Referee: F. Myles. Linesmen: P. Bird, A. Roberts.

N'CLE AUSTRAL v. WEST WALLSEND

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NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The First Division, Alliance League, Third Division and Reserve Grade premiership will end next weekend but the Third Division has four series of fixtures yet to play.

Fixtures next weekend are—

FIRST DIVISION.—Round 18: Mayfield v. Maitland; Wallsend v. Lake Macquarie; Cardiff v. Newcastle Austral; Awaba v. Cessnock.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—As in First Division.

SECOND DIVISION.—Weston v. Jesmond; Belmont-Swansea v. Slavia United; Kearsley v. Pan Hellenic; Charlestown v. Dudley-Redhead; Merewether v. Young Wallsend.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve Grade: Fixtures as in Second Division.

THIRD DIVISION.—Bellbird v. Hamilton Azzuri; Macquarie Wanderers v. Newcastle Technical College; Toronto Diggers v. Stockton; The Entrance v. South Wallsend; Newcastle Teachers' College v. Barnsley; Nelson Bay, a bye.

NO GOALS FOR LEAGUES TOP SCORING FORWARDS

Neither Ron Giles, of Wallsend, or Ken Twidle, of Newcastle Austral, improved their positions in the Northern League First Division goal-scoring list at the weekend but D. Schio (Cardiff), Ken Whitmore (Wallsend) and Doug Field (Awaba) moved near to them.

Giles, with 17 goals, still tops the list, two in front of Twidle, who is one in front of the three who did score on Sunday.

Bob Burgoyne, of Awaba, fairly quiet as far as scoring is concerned recently is on the fourth line, five behind Giles.

The top scorers are:—

- 17: R. Giles (Wallsend).
- 15: K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral).
- 14: D. Schio (Cardiff), D. Field (Awaba), K. Whitmore (Wallsend).
- 12: R. Burgoyne (Awaba).
- 10: T. Hinchcliffe (Lake Macquarie), A. Pajko-

vic (Lake Macquarie).

9: B. Morrow (Wallsend), K. Urwin (West Wallsend), B. Sharp (Awaba).

8: N. Scott (Maitland), A. Simmons (Adams-town), G. Pinches (Awaba).



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Last Week's Results

FIRST DIVISION.—Adamstown 1, Cessnock 2; Awaba 3, Newcastle Austral 0; Wallsend 1, Mayfield United 5; West Wallsend 2, Lake Macquarie 3; Cardiff 4, Maitland 2.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Awaba 4, Newcastle Austral 1; West Wallsend 1, Lake Macquarie 1; Cardiff 9, Maitland 0; Wallsend 2, Mayfield United 0; Adamstown 3, Cessnock 0.

SECOND DIVISION.—Slavia United 1, Jesmond 5; Weston 2, Pan Hellenic 3; Belmont-Swansea 2, Dudley-Redhead 1; Kearsley 2, Young Wallsend 3; Charlestown 6, Merewether 2.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve Grade: Slavia United 0, Jesmond 9; Weston 6, Pan Hellenic 2; Belmont-Swansea 3, Dudley-Redhead 1; Kearsley 0, Young Wallsend 3; Charlestown 3, Merewether 0.

THIRD DIVISION.—Newcastle Technical College 1, Hamilton Azzuri 3; Bellbird 6, Stockton 0; Macquarie Wanderers 0, South Wallsend 1; The Entrance 3, Barnsley 2; Nelson Bay 3, Newcastle Teachers' College 1.

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SEMIS AND RELEGATION IN THE BALANCE

(By PAUL MACKENZIE)

- 26 POINTS.—Lake Macquarie, 1,941.
- 21 POINTS.—Newcastle Austral, 1,433; Awaba, 1,394.
- 18 POINTS.—Wallsend, 1,315; Adamstown, 1,054.
- 13 POINTS.—Mayfield, .914; Cardiff, .833.
- 12 POINTS.—West Wallsend, .837.
- 9 POINTS.—Cessnock, .560; Maitland, .536.

Cessnock a winner, Wallsend walloped, Austral humbled!

Such were results in the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership last weekend which tossed the points score table into a grand finish to the some slight turmoil and competition, despite Lake Macquarie taking the pennant with something to spare.

Matches this weekend will tell a tale for, on their results, could well depend the fate in semi-finals and the relegation issue of several clubs.

Four teams are still involved in the battle for places in the top four in which Lake Macquarie is a certain inclusion. Awaba and Newcastle Austral, with

a three points lead from Wallsend and Adamstown, are the four teams interested — Austral and Awaba fighting for the important second place, which might yet take them into the Australia Cup, while Wallsend and Adamstown are tussling for fourth place.

Goal averages seem certain to tell the tale — not only for the semi-final places but also to decide which of Cessnock and Maitland will go down into the Second Division next season.

The matches this week could be vital to the teams interested in the issues. Because of their goal averages Mayfield United and Cardiff seem to be just outside the fringe of relegation but West Wallsend, three points in front of Cessnock and Maitland, could still be caught up in the question — if it loses two matches while the other teams win both of theirs. That is held to be hardly likely but, in this game, one never knows.

The main interest will be centred on Cessnock and Maitland. Cessnock has the edge by an almost microscopic goal average but has two tough matches ahead — Mayfield at home and Awaba away. Maitland has to meet Wallsend tomorrow and then Mayfield United at Mayfield. Points gained this weekend would be of great help to either side.

There is no certainty that the Australia Cup competition will be played but Northern teams are not taking any chances. While there is no chance of overtaking Lake Macquarie the trend would be to finish either second or fourth to avoid meeting Tommy Dawson's team in a semi-final. Austral and Awaba are still

keen to finish second just in case it is necessary to play Lake Macquarie for a place in the Australia Cup competition. And so those teams will be piling on pace this weekend.

Adamstown, behind Wallsend on goal average, has a chance of getting into the top four — if it can beat Awaba today, while Wallsend is being downed by Maitland tomorrow. And that might well happen, unless Wallsend pulls up its socks.

Here is the goal averages for all the teams — and they tell a story all of their own when related to the points score table appearing in this issue.

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DOES THE FEDERATION REALLY WANT WORLD RECOGNITION

By PAUL MACKENZIE

By what strange process of reasoning has the Australian Soccer Federation said "No" to a request by the Federation of International Football Associations that matches in the qualifying section in the World Cup involving Australia be played in this country.

Quite obviously, F.I.F.A., which the Australian Federation hastened to rejoin, is bending over backwards in an effort to promote the game in Australia and to bring Australia into prominence as a world Soccer centre.

But does the Australian Federation want this recognition? Not on your life! Instead of agreeing to the F.I.F.A. request, it bluntly says, in effect, "We're not interested".

Pig's whistle we're not! For one thing, Australia is going to play in the section against South Africa, South Korea and North Korea. It wants all the help it can get. Surely the fact that it has been offered the chance of playing the matches on its own grounds, and in its own climate, is sufficient reason to even go so far as to beg that the matches be played here.

Then there is the other reason — and it is the one involving the not inconsiderable matter of finance.

18 YEAR OLD FOR STATE LEAGUE

The youngest First Division player in the State is recently appointed Daryl Smith to Mayfield United.

The matches in the qualifying section of the World Cup are, usually, played on a home-and-away basis. That would mean that, if Australia is drawn against, say, South Africa, its team must go to South Africa, play its match, then hasten home for the return fixture. If Australia won that series, which will be decided on a goals aggregate system, it would then have to go either to North or South Korea, play its match and then run home as fast as it could for the second match.

But F.I.F.A. is trying to prevent all that hastening thither and yon — and also trying to save all four countries needless expense. It suggests that all the matches be played in Australia. And don't you think that F.I.F.A. has the idea of saving Australia pounds, shillings and pence and, at the same time, boosting the game in this country.

But, no, the Australian Federation says it can't be done — and do you know why?

Because, says the Federation, there will not be a ground available for the series of matches which must be completed by April 30,

1965. What utter nonsense! Good Friday, next year, will be on April 18 and grounds will be turned over, in Sydney and most other capital cities, to football on that date. There will be grounds available.

The Federation also says that "out of season" football does not attract crowds in Sydney. That's hard to follow, too, because the trend is to play matches on Sydney grounds on all but Christmas Day. And, in any case, F.I.F.A. is prepared to guarantee against loss. What more could be wanted than that?

F.I.F.A. wants the series to be played in Australia . . . it would be greatly to the advantage of the Australian team to play their matches in Australia . . . F.I.F.A. will pay for any losses and will split any profits. Its as simple as that.

If the Australian Federation won't agree, let the Northern N.S.W. Soccer League tell F.I.F.A. it will be the host and will stage the games under the terms offered. We'll find the grounds, and the crowds, and the organisation. And, what is more, the entire district will be behind the League in its enterprise. The North can do it . . . let's make the effort!

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	ALLIANCE							LEAGUE									
			P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.								
ADAMSTOWN	****	****	16	11	3	2	59	14	25								
AWABA	****	****	16	11	3	2	43	15	25								
WALLSEND	****	****	16	10	4	2	49	19	24								
CARDIFF	****	****	16	8	4	4	39	20	20								
LAKE MACQ.	****	****	16	9	2	5	38	27	20								
CESSNOCK	****	****	16	6	2	8	19	30	14								
WEST WALLSEND	****	****	16	4	4	8	28	33	12								
MAYFIELD	****	****	16	4	2	10	23	43	10								
N'CLE AUSTRAL	****	****	16	3	1	12	21	46	7								
MAITLAND	****	****	16	1	1	14	16	88	3								
TOTALS	****	****	160	67	26	67	335	335	160								

NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

	HOME MATCHES						AWAY MATCHES						TOTALS						
	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE ..	5	2	1	15	6	12	6	2	0	19	10	14	16	11	4	1	34	16	26
AUSTRAL	7	0	1	31	14	14	3	1	4	12	16	7	16	10	1	5	43	30	21
AWABA	5	2	1	25	12	12	4	1	3	21	21	9	16	9	3	4	46	33	21
WALLSEND	6	0	2	31	14	12	2	2	4	19	24	6	16	8	2	6	50	38	18
ADAMSTOWN	6	0	2	23	17	12	2	2	4	17	20	6	16	8	2	6	40	37	18
MAYFIELD	3	3	2	19	18	9	2	0	6	15	20	4	16	5	3	8	34	38	13
CARDIFF	4	1	3	19	14	9	2	0	6	16	28	4	16	6	1	9	35	42	13
WEST WALLSEND	3	0	5	20	24	6	2	2	4	16	19	6	16	5	2	9	36	43	12
CESSNOCK	1	3	4	14	22	5	2	0	6	9	19	4	16	3	3	10	23	41	9
MAITLAND	2	1	5	5	18	5	1	2	5	15	25	4	16	3	3	10	20	43	9
TOTALS	42	12	26	202	159	96	26	12	42	159	202	64	160	68	24	68	361	361	160

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SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	16	15	0	1	71	20	30
PAN HELLENIC	16	12	2	2	57	22	26
BEL-SWANSEA	16	10	2	4	48	26	22
DUDLEY-RED.	16	8	2	6	43	43	18
YOUNG WALL.	16	6	4	6	29	38	16
JESMOND	16	6	3	7	35	32	15
SLAVIA UTD.	16	3	4	9	20	40	10
CHARLESTOWN	16	4	2	10	26	53	10
KEARSLEY	16	4	1	11	26	42	9
MEREWETHER	16	2	0	14	28	67	4
TOTALS	160	70	20	70	383	383	160

SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
TOTALS	160	71	18	71	371	371	160
BEL-SWAN.	16	14	1	1	66	13	29
WESTON	16	13	1	2	69	21	27
CHARLESTOWN	16	9	3	4	41	31	21
YOUNG WALL.	16	8	2	6	33	31	18
DUDLEY-RED.	16	8	1	7	45	29	17
JESMOND	16	6	2	8	42	37	14
PAN-HELLENIC	16	5	2	9	29	42	12
SLAVIA UTD.	16	4	2	10	22	50	10
KEARSLEY	16	2	4	10	18	43	8
MEREWETHER	16	2	0	14	6	74	4
TOTALS	150	66	18	66	344	344	150

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HAM. AZZURI	17	14	2	1	49	14	30
BELLBIRD	17	13	2	2	68	22	28
STH. WALLSEND	17	12	2	3	47	29	26
MACQ. WANDS.	17	10	3	4	69	25	23
NELSON BAY	17	10	3	4	60	29	22
TORONTO DIGS.	17	11	2	4	38	23	22
BARNSELY	17	8	1	8	56	45	17
TECH. COLL.	17	6	2	9	28	54	14
THE ENTRANCE	17	4	1	12	27	82	9
STOCKTON	17	3	0	14	22	90	6
TEACHERS' COLL.	17	2	1	14	28	79	5
TOTALS	187	93	19	75	492	492	182

Because of the bye each weekend in the Third Division premiership, the points score table cannot balance in relation to matches won, draw and lost.

FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
ADAMSTOWN v. AWABA

White with Red & Green	Blue with Gold Stripes
1. J. DORMAN	1. J. SMITH
2. R. PARKES	2. R. HITCHCOCK
3. J. McINALLY	3. J. DOLAN
4. R. CAMERON	4. R. REYNOLDS
5. B. DAYKIN	5. J. PRETSWELL
6. J. POWER	6. L. SHARP
7. D. JOHNS	7. G. PINCHES
8. R. BAARTZ	8. D. FIELD
9. R. HOWELLS	9. R. BURGOYNE
10. W. COOK	10. H. GOODSIR
11. C. CURRAN	11. B. SHARP

Referee: K. Urwin. Linesmen: C. Jack, F. Myles.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

CESSNOCK v. MAYFIELD

Gold with Black	Green with White
1. J. HOGG	1. K. MINTER
2. J. JARVIE	2. R. JACKSON
3. K. ROWBOTTOM	3. A. LAMBKIN
4. T. NELLIES	4. R. HUMPHRIS
5. C. ALMOND	5. R. BOSLEM
6. B. WILLIAMS	6. D. SMITH
7. C. MOWATT	7. K. McGUINNESS
8. J. LENNARD	8. B. LEWSAM
9. J. BARR	9. W. HUMPHRIS
10. T. SNEDDON	10. A. SKELEY
11. K. DUNCAN	11. K. ROSS

Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: W. Gardiner, C. Jack.

MAITLAND v. WALLSEND

White with Black	Red with White
1. F. WOOD	1. A. HOURIGAN
2. J. SNAITH	2. D. MORROW
3. S. ELLENBACHER	3. K. NOLAN
4. J. MEIER	4. W. DAVIES
5. F. RAUCH	5. D. BULLEN
6. M. PARKER	6. G. GREEN
7. K. MIRISCH	7. B. MORROW
8. H. SCHNEIDER	8. D. McKENZIE
9. N. SCOTT	9. K. WHITMORE
10. I. THOMSON	10. R. GILES
11. K. SIMON	11. K. PRINGLE

Referee: W. Jones. Linesmen: W. Turner, T. Ayre.

LAKE MACQUARIE v. CARDIFF

White with Blue & Gold	Tangerine with White
1. K. GABRIEL	1. G. TAYLOR
2. J. HITCHCOCK	2. A. HOWE
3. E. McGRATH	3. J. McNAIRN
4. J. WOODS	4. J. O'BRIEN
5. J. WELLHAM	5. T. ICETON
6. L. WALSH	6. J. HOBSON
7. J. BOARDMAN	7. W. WALSTEAD
8. W. WRIGHT	8. R. NEAL
9. T. PAJKOVIC	9. D. SCHIO
10. G. HINCHCLIFFE	10. A. REID
11. J. DOYLE	11. J. SNEDDON

Referee: F. Myles. Linesmen: P. Bird, A. Roberts.

N'CLE AUSTRAL v. WEST WALLSEND

Mauve with White	Blue with White
1. J. LANZONI	1. W. ARMSTRONG
2. E. SOKOLOWSKI	2. R. COOPER
3. R. DEAN	3. A. WILSON
4. J. DOOLAN	4. R. HUGHES
5. R. McKENZIE	5. B. PEARCE
6. R. LLOYD	6. K. WOODS
7. K. TWIDLE	7. J. HUGO
8. W. BARON	8. K. IRWIN
9. T. GARRETT	9. D. AHRENS
10. W. HARVEY	10. T. YEATS
11. W. PATON	11. J. SHEEN

Referee: G. Muir. Linesmen: H. Hall, J. Carlin.

JOHN WELLHAM HOLDS 5 POINT LEAD IN SYDNEY MORNING HERALD BEST & FAIREST

John Wellham, Lake Macquarie's fine stopper, who has done much to help the club gain the minor premiership, has gone farther ahead in the "Sydney Morning Herald Best and Fairest Player" competition and, with only two matches to play, seems likely to finish in front.

Wellham gained two points for his fine display at West Wallsend on Sunday while Ron Giles, of Wallsend, his nearest rival did not gain a point. Wellham, with 27, is now five in front with Joe Meier, of Maitland, who also missed out at the weekend, being third on 20.

Points awarded in the five matches last weekend were:
ADAMSTOWN v. CESSNOCK — Judge, Sam Davies: B. Williams (C) 3; K. Rowbottom (C) 2; C. Al-

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AWABA v. NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL — Judge, Percy Lennard: J. Prestwell (A) 3; B. Sharp (A) 2; J. Doolan (N.A.) 1.
WEST WALLSEND v. LAKE MACQUARIE — Judge, Alec Cameron: A. Wilson (W.W.) 3; J. Wellham (L.M.) 2; D. Wright (L.M.) 1.

PROGRESS TOTALS
27: J. Wellham (Lake Macquarie).
22: R. Giles (Wallsend).
20: J. Meier (Maitland).
17: K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral).
15: R. Lloyd (Newcastle Austral).
14: T. Sneddon (Cessnock), L. Sharp (Awaba).
13: A. Skelly (Mayfield United).
12: W. Davies (Wallsend), R. McKenzie (Newcastle Austral), J. O'Brien (Cardiff).
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News from Gunnedah . .

Gunnedah appears to have the Northern League Cup well within their reach again this season with a 14-0 lead from Narrabri and one match to play.

On Sunday at Narrabri the strong Gunnedah side ran up a formidable score against the less experienced Narrabri boys who tried hard enough to hold the Gunnedah side but were still defeated 14-0. These under 18's should develop into good players.

Most minor premiers are now decided but a few upsets could easily take place. Points at present with one match to go in all grades except Under 12 (two matches) and All Age (completed) are:

Under 8: Ajax 27, Liverpool Plains United 13, Curlew 9, Police Boys 7.
Under 10: Wolseley Independent 22, Curlew 15, Ajax 11, Liverpool Plains United 7, Police Boys 1.
Under 12: Wolseley Independent 22, Curlew 19, Breeza 19, Ajax 11, Police Boys A 6, Police Boys B 1.
Under 14: Ajax 25, Curlew 14, Police Boys 14, Wolseley Independents 1.
Under 16: Ajax 15, Curlew 13, Police Boys 0.
All Age: Wolseley Independents 27, Ajax 18, Liverpool Plains United 14, Curlew 1.

Les Burgett has won the Best and Fairest prize for the season with 25 points. Les is a young whipper-snapper who should soon begin shaving. He is a regular Gunnedah first grade player, who delights in writing letters. Les hails from the North Coast and attached and available. He

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Let Us Not Be South American -- No Punches

There are reports circulating the last of the 51 teams in the Northern Soccer League to drop its unbeaten record. The match between Cardiff and Maitland at Cardiff last Sunday.

There was also some incident during the Weston-Pan Hellenic match in the Second Division premiership fixture last Sunday when Weston lost its first match of the season — so becoming the Northern Soccer League has dealt with players involved in the affair in the Second Division match but probably can't do anything about the happening at Cardiff, since no one seems to know the name of the spectator involved in the ruckus with the referee.

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3rd TEST MATCH
ADAMSTOWN OVAL

The Queensland Schoolboy's Soccer team will arrive in Newcastle 11th August.

They will play the third and final Test Match against Adamstown Oval on Wednesday, 12th August at 11 a.m.

Newcastle has five representatives, J. D'Este (Cardiff High School), K. Howell (Newcastle Boy's High), G. Williams (Newcastle Tech. High), P. Pringle (Broadmeadow High School), L. Durie (Cessnock High School).

At the conclusion of the match the Adamstown Social and Soccer Welfare Club will entertain the lads of both teams at lunch.

The Northern Soccer League are arranging bus trips during their stay.

The team leaves for Queensland on Thursday.

It behoves anyone who knows the malcontent to report him.

His kind of spectator is not wanted at Soccer matches in the North, where the record is more in keeping with sportsmanship than anywhere else in Australia.

The North wants to keep it that way and officials of the Northern Soccer League will do everything they can to make sure it is.

There is no room in the game for any disappointed spectator to take out his ire on the referee who has controlled a match to the best of his ability — whether he has done well or not. Referees DO try to give of their best. If they make mistakes they are proving themselves to be no more than human. No one wants them to be more than that.

In any case, it is absurd to attack a referee because his decisions are final and nothing that a disgruntled spectator might do can alter that.

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SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

Whilst the premiership is practically determined, some of the matches this weekend could have a material affect upon the semi-final positions but before proceeding to write of these, it is a pity that the game between Weston v. Pan Hellenic last weekend should have been marred by two incidents.

On Sunday, Merewether journeys to Jesmond and although there is a difference of 11 points between these teams it is interesting to note that Merewether forwards have scored only seven fewer goals than those of Jesmond, however the defence has conceded double the number of goals compared with Jesmond who should gain another two points.

Young Wallsend will be hosts to Charlestown and although on paper Young Wallsend should win and will be keen to win to settle the argument that arose from the first round clash of these two teams, they will not have things all their way, as the defence of

Charlestown appears to have stiffened considerably in the last three matches when Charlestown won, 3-0, 2-1 and 6-2.

Kearsley visit Dudley-Redhead and the home team should have no difficulty in recording another win.

Pan Hellenic meet Swansea-Belmont at Charlestown and here we have all the ear marks of a really close exciting match as only four teams, but Pan Hellenic have a slightly better record and should ultimately prove the winner of a close match.

In the remaining fixture Slavia United v. Weston and this match should give Weston the opportunity of finally clinching the premiership.

Matches in the Third Division last weekend did nothing to relieve the position of the premiership table and we still have eight points covering six teams.

On Saturday, Hamilton Azzuri will play Teachers' College and the leaders should have no difficulty in

maintaining their position at the top of the table.

Nelson Bay journey to Barnsley and with five points separating the two teams the visitors should have no difficulty in adding another two points to their tally although on a number of occasions this season Barnsley have shone against stronger opposition.

Possibly the outstanding match of the round will be the clash at Wallsend Park between South Wallsend and Toronto Diggers, as only two points separate the two teams. In the first round South Wallsend won comfortably but whilst the South Wallsend forwards have scored nine goals more than those of Toronto Diggers, their defence has conceded six more than Toronto Diggers. This makes it extremely doubtful as to the outcome of this match as I will refrain from forecasting.

Macquarie Wanderers journey to Stockton and should win this match and will no doubt go all out to do so in case South Wall-

send defeats Toronto Diggers which would then put the Wanderers in fourth position again after being dropped back following their defeat last weekend.

In the remaining fixture Newcastle Tech. will meet Bellbird at Tighes Hill and the Coalfields team should maintain their position on the premiership table with another win.

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MAITLAND MIGHT BE DOWN, BUT NOT OUT

If you hear a rumour that Maitland Club will out of Northern Soccer if the team is to go into the Second Division next season, scotch it — and scotch it hard.

There's not the semblance of truth in it, according to John Sullivan, the Club President, who should know. "If we go down, we'll fight to get back in the top division, just as we battled to gain promotion two years ago" he told "Northern Soccer News" this week.

"It might be a bitter pill to go down, but it's one we can swallow and come back for more," he said.

"It's absurd to even suggest that Maitland will call it a day just because we lose" said Mr. Sullivan. Soccer is in Maitland to stay and, in fact, we've plans for next season to put the game even more on the map in the district than it is."

Mr. Sullivan said the club was going right ahead with its plans to be part of a venture which hopes to provide a modern football ground for the club and in other ways which might bring more revenue to it.

Maitland has suffered because it came into big-time football lacking solid financial backing and, in its four years, has done wonders when one comes to think of it. In its first year, the club finished third in the Second Division premiership and, in the next season, finished on top so that it gained promotion to the First Division. It held its place in 1963 but is in great danger of going down again now.

But as John Sullivan says: "We've been down before and got up again. We can do that again if necessary." That's the spirit!—P. McK.

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